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SUBJECT: WORLD FOOD PROGRAM IN YEMEN

ROME FOR FODAG

1. UN RESREP KOUWENHOVEN HAS GIVEN ME BRIEFING ON FINDINGS OF CPPPD " IDENTIFICATION MISSION" WHICH STUDIED FUTURE PROJECTS FOR WFP IN YAR DURING THREE WEEKS ENDING MARCH 2. MISSION WAS ONE OF TWO (OTHER WENT TO AFGHANISTAN) SENT AT REQUEST WFP EXEC. SECY FRANCISCO AQUINO TO STUDY " HARDCORE" LDC'S WITH GREATEST NEED. MISSION IS REQUESTING EXPANSION WFP YEMEN PROGRAM (TO DATE TOTALLING \$9.5 MILLION) TO INCLUDE FOOD- FOR- WORK PROJECT TO CONSTRUCT 203 SCHOOLS AND EXTENSION MATERNAL/ CHILD FEEDING AND HOSPITAL FEEDING WHICH DUE TO EXPIRE SHORTLY. ALSO CONSIDERING FAMINE RELIEF FOR CY 74, 75 AND 76 TO INCLUDE WHEAT, NFDM, CANNED MEAT, AND SUGAR.

2. MISSION IS ALSO RECOMMENDING THAT WFP GIVE RECOGNITION TO SPECIAL LIMITATIONS OF FUNDS AND TRAINED MANPOWER OF " HARDCORE"

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LDC' S. SPECIFICALLY REPORT RECOMMENDS (1) WFP AUTHORIZE SALE OF SUFFICIENT WHEAT TO FINANCE INLAND TRANSPORTATION AND WAGES FOOD HANDLERS DUE TO YARG LACK OF FUNDS; (2) UNDP PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN FORM PROVISION QUALIFIED PERSONNEL TO HELP YARG IN DISTRIBUTION. NORMALLY WFP AID ENDS WITH DELIVERY FOOD TO PORT OF ENTRY, BUT TEAM AND KOUWENHOVEN REALIZE THIS INSUFFICIENT IN YEMEN SITUATION IN VIEW ITS LIMITED CAPACITY AND UNLIMITED NEEDS. RECOMMENDATIONS ARE TO BE MADE TO MEETING OF WFP MEMBER STATES IN ROME THIS APRIL.

ACTION REQUESTED. BELIEVE USG IN APRIL MEETING SHOULD SUPPORT BOTH EXPANSION OF WFP PROGRAM IN YEMEN IN VIEW ITS NEEDS AND GRANTING OF " SPECIAL PROCEDURES" (AS OUTLINED PARA TWO) TO COUNTRIES CLASSIFIED BY WFP AS " HARDCORE LDC' S" (EMBASSY KABUL MAY WISH TO COMMENT ON LATTER POINT). SPECIAL PROCEDURES ARE ESSENTIALLY SAME AS WE HAVE APPROVED FOR PAST AND CURRENT CRS FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMS IN YEMEN.

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